



**Are you getting
the most from
your paddocks?**



Is the grass greener
on the other side?

Take more out of your soils less out of your pocket!



Are you getting the best from your soils whilst maintaining sustainable fertility?

Do you know which nutrients your soil needs and which it definitely doesn't need any more of?

Are your fields capable of producing more good quality forage (high fibre, low protein)?

Can you improve your soil nutrient balance so that it feeds through and improves horse health?

Do you know what inputs have gone into your soils in the past and what effect they might be having on your horses now?

Are your fertiliser inputs right for horses or more suitable for dairy cows?

Do some of your fields seem to be getting wetter or looking increasingly sour?



The current recession, has meant that Equestrian Centres are now looking to reduce their in-put costs without detracting from the efficient running of the business.

One option that is routinely overlooked is increasing production of good quality home produced herbage from the business's own fields.

This is a realistic and sustainable option for many Centres but does require specialised technical expertise that takes fully into account the needs of horses in terms of their special dietary needs and avoids soil related health problems caused through nutrient deficiencies, or high levels of potentially toxic elements that may have been built up in the land over many years.

Taking advice from a neighbouring farmer and getting him to spread some of his grassland fertiliser (including slurry or farmyard manure) on your pastures is one way, but it's generally a false economy and is likely to be the root cause of some of your long-standing equine health problems.

This is because the dietary needs of dairy cows and intensive beef cattle are totally different to those of horses – in fact, in many respects, they are complete opposites!

- Dairy cows need a high intake of protein rich / low fibre grass.
- Horses on the other hand, need free access to palatable grass species containing low protein and a high fibre content.

It's a bit like asking your local garage to look after your teeth – yes they've got a drill, but it's unlikely they'd cure your tooth ache!

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For this reason Horse Power have joined forces with SoilTrak, a specialised soil consultancy that uses the very latest high-technology analyses to measure, the precise nutrient profile of soils and uses this data to produce cost-effective, workable solutions for their clients across Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture and the Amenity sectors.

By identifying soil nutrient imbalances and their causes, for example: -

- Naturally occurring deficiencies.
- Depletion through plant uptake.
- Chemical lock-up caused by excess levels of other nutrients.

SoilTrak are able to identify the root cause and help clients to achieve healthy soils where the physical, chemical and biological elements are all working together in harmony to produce higher yields of healthier, more palatable forage for your horses. Reducing input costs and at the same time, reducing some of those equine health problems that can recur for no apparent reason.

SoilTrak have sole UK access to the most highly accredited soil laboratory in the USA and using express international courier services, samples arrive at the lab the day after their despatch from the UK.

Once the sample has undergone the required range of analytical processes, the latest information technology is used to transfer the data electronically to our UK base. This is then used to produce individual client reports which include the full analytical information together with its interpretation and workable recommendations.



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How can you use the service?

SoilTrak have agreed a special low-cost package which is available to Equestrian Centres exclusively through Horse Power.

When you place an order for the service you will be sent a pack for the number of samples you require. This will include a soil probe, sample bags and return packaging. Accompanying the pack will be our user-friendly guide that explains exactly how to take a representative soil sample. The soil probe is used to extract cores to a uniform depth across the entire field area and the guide will also explain how to:-

- Safely use the probe.
- The correct method for sampling.
- The correct number of cores for the area tested.
- Which areas you should avoid testing.
- How to identify poor soil structure.
- How to assess soil type.
- Prepare samples for return to SoilTrak.

Finally...

Every soil is different and each has a finite capacity to retain and supply plant nutrients. SoilTrak's analytical processes enable comparison of current levels against those that are needed to get the soil into its true natural balance.

Based on this information, cost-effective and workable solutions are designed to optimise soil nutrition for better yields of high quality, healthy and palatable forage. It's natural and it's entirely sustainable so it doesn't cost the earth.

If you'd like to replace the guesswork with the best advice on earth **Contact us NOW**



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